

State Board for Crane Operators

Minutes of the August 8, 2012, Meeting

Members Present: Edward St. John; Richard DeJulio; Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David D'Ostillo, IUOE Local 478; Faith Gavin Kuhn, UCAC/CT ABC; Ashley Dwyer, IUOE Local 478

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. Minutes of the April 4, 2012, meeting were distributed and approved.
3. Old Business:
 - A. The Crane Board continued their discussion on the statutory changes involving Chapter 539 (cranes and hoisting equipment) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, now Public Act No. 12-99. The following items were reviewed pertaining to Public Act No. 12-99.
 1. The Crane Board held a discussion on omitting the exemption listed under Sec. 7. Section 29-223 a (b) (3) which exempts engineers or operators employed by public utilities or industrial manufacturing plants from the provisions of Senate Bill No. 323.
 2. The Crane Board reviewed a list of subdivisions of the Hydraulic, Lattice Boom, Derrick and Tower Crane. A motion was made to accept this new expanded subdivision of these four crane categories.
 3. As of October 1, 2012, a letter notifying existing crane operators that they will have to be retested prior to October, 2014, in order to maintain a valid license will be sent out. The letter will explain the new update in the law.
 4. The Crane Board did discuss allowing the holder of a valid State of Connecticut crane operators license to convert their crane license to a hoisting operators license with no questions asked nor any testing requirements. This motion was made by Crane Board member Edward Shapiro and seconded by Richard DeJulio for approval.
 - B. The Crane Board reviewed a crane violation involving United Concrete Products of Wallingford, Connecticut. The Board discussed the situation involving the concrete manufacturing operating outside of their plant. The Crane Board made a motion to authorize to discuss and allow United Concrete Products to come into compliance by August 1, 2012. This motion was approved by the Crane Board to allow United Concrete of Wallingford to come into compliance with respect to its crane operation by August 1, 2012. Waiting for update from Construction Services Legal Department.
4. New Business:
 - A. Violation Agreements reached: none.
 - B. Review of new applicants for crane testing – compliance with two year prerequisite tabled. (Tabled)
 - C. The Crane Board began review of a crane accident that occurred on April 14, 2012, in Stratford, CT. On April 14, 2012, a crane operated by Frank Papa at the Moses Wheeler Bridge project in Stratford, CT, overturned. This Walsh Construction Company project was reviewed and the Crane Board decided to have crane operator Frank Papa retest and require a letter from his physician that he is fit for operating a crane. In addition, a letter should be sent to the Walsh Construction Company requesting to review their crane operation and procedure policy.
5. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.